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Please replace paragraph [00049] of Applicant's Specification with the following replacement paragraph [00049]:

[00049] Also particularly suitable are mixtures of the polymers according to the invention with gas hydrate inhibitors based on maleic anhydride, as described in [[WO-A-97/6506]] WO-98/23843, in particular with maleic anhydride copolymers reacted with mono- and/or diamines. Among these particular preference is given in particular to modified vinyl acetate-maleic anhydride copolymers.